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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLYING TIGER SCHEDULE FILING

REF: SINGAPORE 0025

1. DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY FLYING TIGER THAT ITS  
SCHEDULE FILING IS BEING OPPOSED BY SIA ON TWO COUNTS:  
1) CHANGE OF GAUGE AT HONG KONG, I.E., CHANGE OF  
AIRCRAFT FROM B-747 TO DC-8 WITHOUT CHANGE OF FLIGHT  
NUMBER, AND 2) LACK OF MIRROR IMAGE BETWEEN INBOUND  
AND OUTBOUND FLIGHTS, I.E., FTL PROPOSES TO SERVE  
SINGAPORE ONLY ON RETURN LEG OF FLIGHTS 45/46.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT APPROACH GOS REGARDING  
SIA'S OPPOSITION UNTIL GOS HAS TAKEN DECISION REGARDING  
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FTL SCHEDULES. HOPEFULLY, GOS WILL APPROVE THEM  
WITHOUT EMBASSY INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, IF SCHEDULES ARE  
DISAPPROVED BECAUSE OF SIA'S OPPOSITION, EMBASSY SHOULD  
THEN APPROACH GOS REQUESTING THAT FTL'S SCHEDULES BE  
APPROVED AS FILED. EMBASSY SHOULD USE FOLLOWING  
ARGUMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.

3. BOTH CHANGE OF GAUGE AND FLEXIBILITY IN ROUTING ARE  
CONSISTENT WITH AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT CURRENTLY UNDER

REVIEW AND ARE COMMON PRACTICES LONG ACCEPTED BY MOST  
COUNTRIES. ONLY THOSE GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING HIGHLY  
RESTRICTIVE CIVIL AVIATION POLICIES TEND TO QUESTION  
THEIR VALIDITY. BECAUSE SINGAPORE IS KNOWN TO FOLLOW  
LIBERAL AVIATION POLICY, USG IS SURPRISED AT  
DISAPPROVAL OF FTL SCHEDULES. USG ASSUMED SPECIFIC  
REFERENCE TO THESE PRACTICES IN BILATERAL WAS  
UNNECESSARY IN CASE OF SINGAPORE.(IN CONTRAST TO US-UK  
AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WHERE, BECAUSE UK TENDENCY TO  
BE RESTRICTIVE, PRACTICES WERE EXPLICITLY INCLUDED.)  
BOTH PRACTICES PERMIT MOST ECONOMICAL UTILIZATION OF  
AIRCRAFT, ALLOWING AIRLINES TO MATCH TO GREATEST DEGREE  
TRAFFIC FLOW WITH CAPACITY OFFERED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY  
IMPORTANT TO ALL-CARGO OPERATIONS. SIA SHOULD, IN FACT,  
SUPPORT THESE PRACTICES SINCE THAT AIRLINE WOULD HAVE  
FULL FREEDOM TO UTILIZE THEM AND THEIR EFFECT IS TO

REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCESS CAPACITY IN THE MARKET.  
USG HAS BEEN COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE IN REGARD TO SIA'S  
CARGO ROUTE APPLICATIONS AND HOPES GOS WOULD NOT  
CREATE UNNECESSARY OCSTACLES REGARDING FTL SCHEDULES.  
(FYI. USG RAISED NO QUESTIONS REGARDING SIA'S APPARENT  
PLANS TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS ALL-CARGO APPLICATION,  
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ALTHOUGH DURING NEGOTIATIONS SINGAPORE DELEGATION  
CLEARLY STATED SIA HAD NO INTENTION TO OPERATE AN  
ALL-CARGO SERVICE.) HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE  
OF THESE MATTERS, IF SCHEDULES ARE NOT APPROVED, USG  
WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS IN  
ORDER TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM. CHRISTOPHER

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